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OCA 95-2490
11 October 1995

Mr. Mark Lowenthal
Staff Director
Permanent Select Committee
on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mark:

SUBJECT: Notification

COUNTRY: Honduras

ISSUE: Involvement of [redacted] in Execution of
Guerrilla Leader in 1983

Forwarded herewith is a background paper regarding recent intelligence reporting sparked by the June 1995 Baltimore Sun series on human rights abuses in Honduras that implicates a Honduran military officer, [redacted] directly in the September 1983 execution of Honduran guerrilla leader Jose Maria Reyes Mata. [redacted]

A review of all information related to [redacted] is underway. The results of the review will be included in the report of the Agency's Honduras Working Group, which will be briefed to the Committees. [redacted]

If you have any further questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to call. [redacted]

Sincerely,

[redacted]
Joanne O. Isham
Director of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure

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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION Regarding Involvement of
Former Asset in Execution of Guerrilla
Leader in 1983

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Honduras: Involvement of [] in Execution
of Guerrilla Leader in 1983

1. Recent intelligence reporting sparked by the June 1995 *Baltimore Sun* series on human rights abuses in Honduras implicates [] directly in the September 1983 execution of Honduran guerrilla leader Jose Maria Reyes Mata. Reyes was the leader of a group of over 100 insurgents into Honduras from Nicaragua in July 1983 accompanied by Father James Carney, a U.S. citizen. The circumstances of Father Carney's death, however, remain unclear and have been the subject of a separate notification.

2. []
[] A recent intelligence report indicates that [] personally executed Reyes while in custody. This report is corroborated by an October 1983 secret writing message from a DoD informant which appears never to have been officially disseminated to the Intelligence Community. An October 1983 CIA intelligence report, that identified [] makes the same claim.

3. []
[] A review of all information is underway, including what other information may be available that would corroborate his involvement in the execution of Reyes or identify any link he may have had to the death of Father Carney. The results of this review will be included in the report of the Agency's Honduras Working Group, which will be briefed to the Committees.

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SUBJECT: Honduras: Involvement of [redacted] in Execution
of Guerrilla Leader in 1983

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A recent intelligence report indicates that [redacted] personally executed Reyes while in custody. This report is corroborated by a November 1983 secret writing message from a DoD informant which appears never to have been officially disseminated to the Intelligence Community. An October 1983 CIA intelligence report, that identified [redacted] makes the same claim.

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of Guerrilla Leader in 1983

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